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Incident Command

Situational Awareness



Aim



To introduce Level 1 Incident Commanders to the command skill – **Situational Awareness**

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Objectives

- Describe the three phases of situational awareness
- State the process of Dynamic Risk Assessment (DRA)
- Explain the Decision Making Model (DMM)





Situational Awareness

- Situational awareness is your perception and understanding of the situation you face
- It includes your anticipation of what the situation may become, including the impact of your actions
- For you as an IC, it is your perspective of the scene of operations
- This situational awareness, or mental picture of the incident, it is the foundation for you as the IC to formulate a plan of action.

Stages of Situational Awareness

Information Gathering:

- Communication - with team, other agencies, specialists, people at scene, and Fire Control
- Surveying the scene - information from what you can see, hear, smell, and touch
- Site specific risk information - source from pre-planning or available at the scene.



Stages of Situational Awareness

Understanding Information

- Gathered incident-related information has to be processed to extract the meaning
- An IC's understanding of a situation is influenced by knowledge and memories such as:
 - ❖ Experience of the same or similar premises or location
 - ❖ Experience of the same or similar situations
 - ❖ Assumptions
 - ❖ Expectations
 - ❖ Mental models.



Stages of Situational Awareness

Anticipation

- As an IC, you should be aware that you use your understanding of the situation to anticipate what is likely to happen next
 - ❖ For example, how the situation might develop, and the consequences of your actions
- This means it is vital that your interpretation reflects the actual situation as accurately as possible

Anticipation is the highest level of situational awareness.



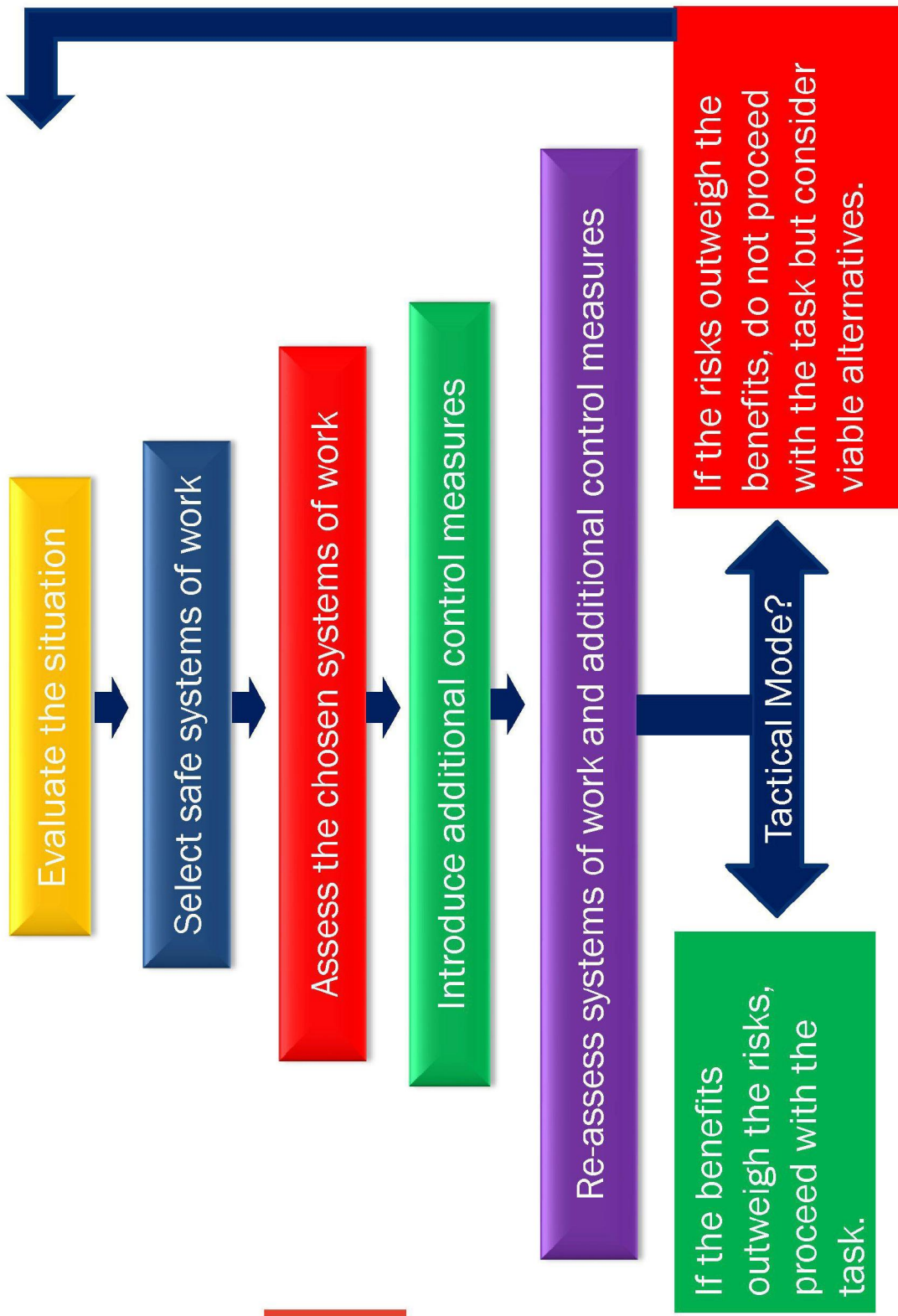


Dynamic Risk Assessment





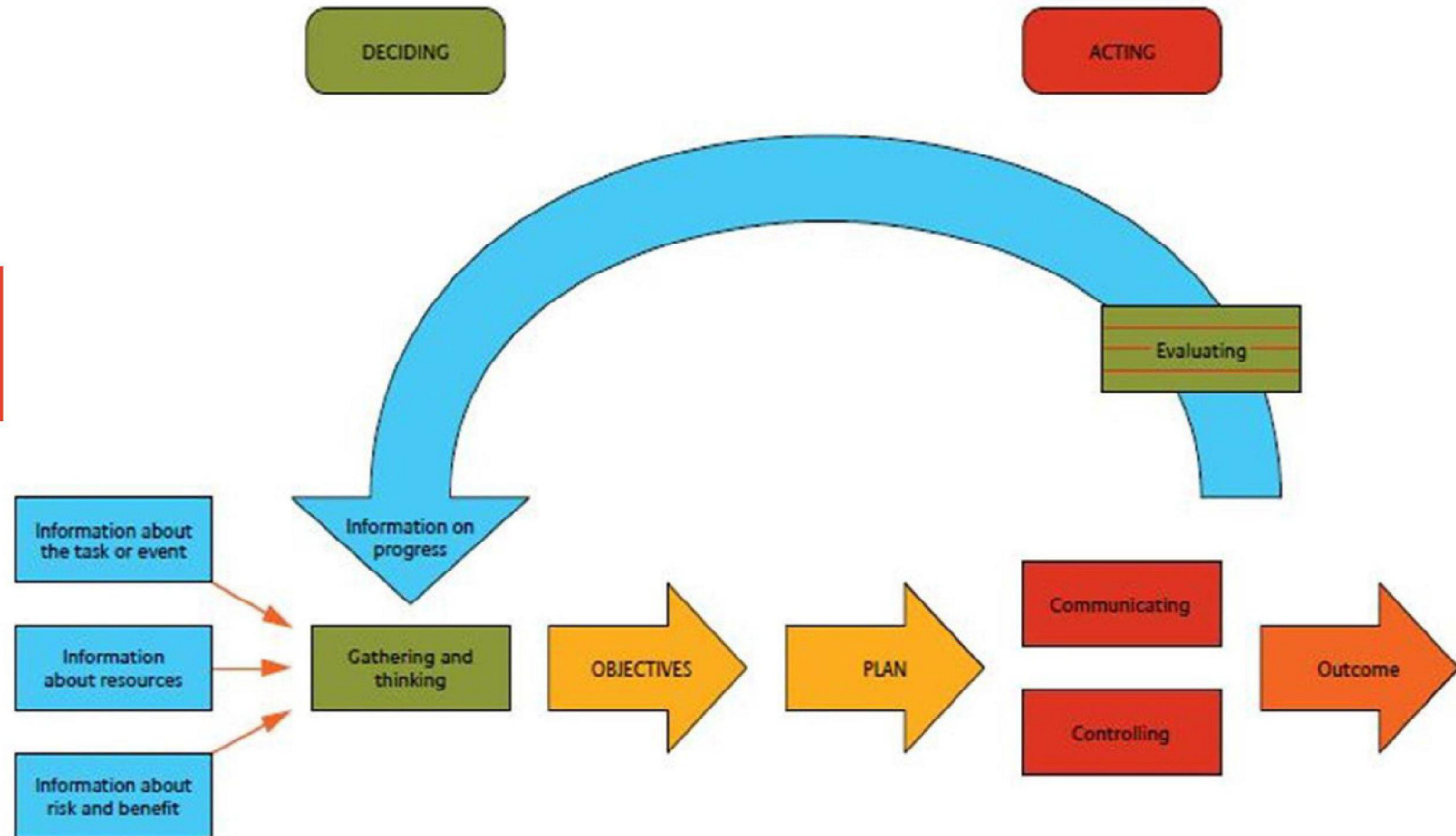
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Decision Making Model



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Summary

You should now be able to:

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Any Questions?